

**REMARKS**

With the present amendment, claims 1-12 are pending.

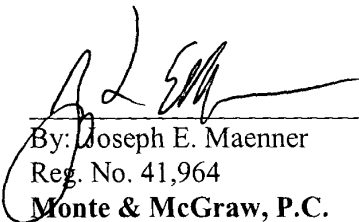
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and examination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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